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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or patent application

Application Number	10/072,656
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Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	Steven Ho YinLoke
Attorney Docket Number	844,004-263 (prev 269/132)

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective May 29, 2000. If the above-identified was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patented term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 16, 2004
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), PTO 1449 and Cited References

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee below Deposit Account No. 502862. The Director is also authorized to charge any deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502862.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$385.00) (small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17), if any extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore.
- iii. ☐ Other: Extra Claim Fees \$ _____
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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